



152. (Amended) A liquid acquisition/distribution structure comprising:

- (1) a top layer that is permeable to a liquid,
- (2) a distribution layer comprising a capillary system providing capillary forces on the liquid when the liquid is in contact with said distribution layer tending to transport the liquid parallel to said top layer, and
- (3) a resistance layer having a resistance layer top surface and a resistance layer bottom surface, said resistance layer provides resistance to transmission of the liquid from said resistance layer top surface to said resistance layer bottom surface;

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wherein said capillary system comprises a bundle of synthetic fibers for transporting aqueous fluids comprising at least two fibers in a bundle, at least one of said two fibers having a non-round cross-section and a Single Fiber Bulk Factor greater than 4.0 and said bundle having

- (A) a Specific Volume greater than 4.0 cc/gm,
- (B) a $\text{MPF}_B/\text{MPF}_{SF}$ greater than or equal to 3.0,
- (C) a MPF_B greater than or equal to $0.14 \text{ cc}/(\text{den}^*\text{hr})$;

wherein said bundle is arranged so that in a region their axes are essentially parallel to said top layer.

154. (Amended) The structure according to claim 145 wherein said capillary system comprises a bundle of synthetic fibers for transporting aqueous fluids comprising at least two fibers in a bundle, at least one of said two fibers having a non-round cross-section and a Single Fiber Bulk Factor greater than 4.0 and said bundle having

- (A) a Specific Volume greater than 4.0 cc/gm,
- (B) a $\text{MPF}_B/\text{MPF}_{SF}$ greater than or equal to 3.0,

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